Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others, and each of these attributes can be applied to Ardi Forrester. She has dedicated the past 45 years to serving the health and nutrition needs of South Dakotans; and,

Whereas, In 1967, Ardi graduated from St. Andrew's School of Nursing in Bottineau, North Dakota, with a Diploma in Nursing. She had worked at St. Joseph's Hospital in Minot, North Dakota, from 1967-1969, St. Alexius Hospital in Bismarck, North Dakota, from 1969-1971, St. Joseph's Hospital in Dickinson, North Dakota, from 1971-1973, and Dakota Clinic in Fargo, North Dakota, in 1973; and,

Whereas, In 1976, Ardi took a break from working to begin a family. She returned to work in 1981, at St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, Minnesota, where she worked until 1982; and,

Whereas, On July 21, 1982, Ardi began her duties with the Department of Health as a part-time Community Health Nurse in Britton, South Dakota, where she has served as a leader in her community, caring for county citizens and promoting health and wellness for almost 30 years; and,

Whereas, Ardi served on the Marshall County Memorial Hospital Advisory Board from 1994-1995, and has been a Britton Area Hospice Volunteer since 1982, receiving the 2002 Hospice Volunteer of the Year award from the South Dakota Hospice Organization; and,

Whereas, Ardi is one of the founders of the Harvest Days Road Race in Britton, and in an effort to promote exercise and health for a wellness project, on October 18, 1997, Ardi ran 10 miles to raise funds for the exercise equipment for the cardiac rehab unit at the local hospital; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper to honor this outstanding South Dakotan on the occasion of her retirement:

Now, Therefore, I Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 8, 2012, as

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in South Dakota, and I join her friends and colleagues in the Department of Health in offering her best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State